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Applicant: Paul CLARKE et al. Conf.: 6209
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For: FILTER FOR A CIGARETTE AND A FILTER-TIPPED
CIGARETTE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 8, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 8, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claim 23 as follows:

--23. The filter according to claim 1, wherein air flows radially within said sheath.--